

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC** :  
**COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID APPLICATION** : **DOCKET NO. 5058**  
**TO ADD TERMS AND CONDITIONS** :  
**FOR MUNICIPAL AGGREGATORS** :

**NOTICE TO SOLICIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS**

On August 11, 2020, National Grid filed an application to add Terms and Conditions for Municipal Aggregators (Tariff). The proposed Tariff will apply to Municipal Aggregators conducting business pursuant to a municipal aggregation plan. National Grid proposes to establish uniform terms and conditions for customers, the Company, municipal aggregators, and nonregulated power producers in connection with aggregation of electric supply. One new provision in the proposed Tariff states as follows:

The Company will:

[p]rovide the following information to Municipal Aggregators before aggregation plan begins: primary customer name, first four characters of last name (required for EDI enrollment purposes), account number (required for EDI enrollment purposes), service address, mailing address for solicitation purposes, distribution rate, and generation indicator (Last Resort Service or Supplier).”

This is all the information needed to enroll customers in the municipal aggregation or into competitive supply. Prior to filing the proposed Tariff, National Grid has not released this type of individualized customer data to suppliers for most customer classes without the prior consent of the customer. Currently, a customer needs to provide this data directly to a supplier in order to enroll with a nonregulated power producer (competitive energy supplier). During a technical session in this matter, the PUC raised the issue of customer privacy and whether customers should have the right to opt out of having their data shared. The PUC has also issued data requests to National Grid on current practices of sharing customer data with third parties and the protocols in

place to protect the customer data during a transfer to a third party. All documents in this matter can be accessed at: <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5058page.html>.

The PUC invites written public comments on the topic of National Grid's sharing of individual customer data with municipal aggregators as part of the municipal aggregation plans and also, in general, to any third party. The PUC believes this issue will arise in other contexts and is ripe for review now. Comments may be submitted to [luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov](mailto:luly.massaro@puc.ri.gov) or Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk, RIPUC, 89 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 02888. The PUC requests comments be submitted **on or before December 8, 2020** on disclosure of customer data.

The docket and related information are available for examination at the PUC's office. However, interested parties should contact the PUC's office at 401-780-2107 prior to seeking access to the documents to ensure there will be adequate staffing to provide the information.

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Commission Clerk  
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